

She possessed, however, greater
 internal resource
 at the moment than was hers seventy
 years before,
 or than she was able to command some
 fifty-five
 years later; the Second Crusade
 passed over her
 harmlessly, and the vigorous Comnenus
 won back
 the island fortresses again. But if the
 King's
 design missed fire, the great Admiral's
 last exploit
 threw some glory upon the collapse;
 the Greeks
 were insulted at their very gates
 when George
 after rescuing the French King in the
 sea fight
 off Cape Malea ran for the Bosphorus,
 sailed up
 to the walls of Constantinople, and in
 bravado
 launched fee arrows with some effect
 upon the
 Imperial Palace, returning with an
 impunity
 that shows how low the naval efficiency
 of the
 Byzantines had fallen, and how remias
 were their
 allies the Venetians,

The raid of 1149 was the Admiral**
 last
 to the King, The date of his death is
 uncertain 5
 it may have been at the end of 1x49
 or even at
 late as 1151,¹

Out of the emirs who survived him
 there was
 none to take the Admiral's place,
 either in naval
 command, or in the King's esteem,
 George had
 climbed to the highest place the
 throne,
 In the operations of 1130-11.35 on the

mainland
he had as undivided. a at sen aa
the
Chancellor Guam by land. With
him the
of *amtttiratois* became invested with no
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Arch. St. SMI, xxx.r N.B., p. 471.